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NIS COMMITTEE MEETING NO. 14

6 December 1948

1. Those present were as follows:

	Dr. Appleton	State
	Col. MacLean	Army
	Lt. Col. Smith	Army
	Lt. Col. DeHority	Navy
	Cdr. Howell	Navy
	Lt. Col. Gould	Air Force
	Lt. Col. Garrett	Air Force
	Maj. Gamber	Air Force
25X1A9a	Maj. Sorey	Secretary, JMC
		CIA Liaison Officer with JS
25X1A9a	Mr. Thom	U.S. Weather Bureau
		CIA (Chairman)
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2. Collection for NIS was discussed. It was pointed out that, while the NIS Program is not, in itself, a collection program, it does require an effective "across the board" collection program; and that, because of the importance of collection to the NIS Program, collection is a subject of interest to the NIS Committee. Col. MacLean stated that Army is gearing its entire collection program to the NIS. Lt. Col. Smith then explained the system of SID collection and filing now employed by ID, GSUSA. The Chairman pointed out that, while the Army system is no doubt most efficient, we must not rely solely on any mechanical system for producing NIS. The consensus was that it would be of considerable mutual benefit to the Agencies to have uniform systems of reporting and filing. To this end it was decided to have an NIS Committee meeting on Monday, 13 December, at 1000 hours, to discuss collection procedures. This meeting will be attended by collection representatives of the IAC Agencies and by representatives of [REDACTED]

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3. Army submitted some changes in the NIS Production Schedule, FY 1950. These changes are to be incorporated with others made in the original draft and a new draft will be prepared. This new draft will be distributed to the Agencies for concurrence, comment, or both.

4. It was decided that single copies of contributions to Chapter II will go to the chapter coordinator and that CIA requirements for this Chapter will go directly to BIG. All copies of contributions to other chapters will go to the chapter coordinator, who will forward the complete chapters to BIG.

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5. Col. Halversen stated that the Joint Staff had no specific ideas about what should be included in NIS #69 but relied on the NIS Committee to determine the content of this Survey. It was decided that the Survey should initially consist of Chapters II, IX, and I, the last mentioned to point out relationships between NIS #69 and NIS for other areas bordering on the area of #69.

6. The minutes of the first meeting of the Subcommittee on the Petroleum Supplement were read and commented on to the Committee. It was the consensus that Petroleum Supplements should not be prepared at this time but that requirements for such a Supplement should be formulated and an outline guide prepared which may be used as a guide to the Bureau of Mines for collection and collation of data. The members were asked to clarify the Agency representatives on the Subcommittee as to its mission and notify BIG when the Subcommittee will be ready to meet again. The Chairman undertook to appoint a new CIA member to replace [REDACTED] who 25X1A9a is absent. Army and Air Force said that their members would be ready to meet at any time desired.

7. The Army member stated that ID had no additional capabilities to produce base maps.

8. The Chairman brought to the attention of the Committee the following defects noted in NIS material already received from the Agencies:

a. Contributions were received without covering memoranda listing the elements thereof. This procedure was not consonant with effective security accountability.

b. Some figures were included in the text - figures and text should be on separate sheets.

c. In some instances, "Comments on Principal Sources" are mere bibliographies.

The members were requested to indoctrinate the Coordinating Staffs in their Agencies so as to prevent recurrence of the above. Navy is to review certain Sections 21 and 22 already submitted and will have the appropriate analysts get in touch with BIG chapter editor.

9. The Chairman explained that the date to be placed on the title pages of sections is the date when, after final review, the stamp of Agency approval is placed upon the contribution - not the date of the latest information upon which the intelligence is based.

10. Weather Bureau contributions to Section 23 were again discussed (see minutes of Meeting No. 13). It was pointed out that there is no intention of sending personnel into the field to collect data but of procuring personnel to evaluate data already available. JMC will estimate the need for funds for the FY 1950 Schedule and seek the support of the DCI in obtaining these funds from Congress. However, it is necessary to

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have \$36,000 to recruit personnel from other Washington agencies, so that evaluation of available climatological data may be made. The following was the consensus of the Committee:

a. Weather Bureau should proceed to the best of its ability with its present capabilities and produce what it can to meet scheduled requirements.

b. JMC should request Air Force for financial assistance. If Air Force cannot assist, it should forward the request to DCI with a statement to that effect.

25X1A9a Major Sorey is to inform [REDACTED] of the action taken by JMC and Air Force relative to the above.

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